for the project. All other proposals for foreign investment in Indian joint ventures are considered for approval, on merits, by the Government under the normal procedure. Such proposals received by Government for setting up joint ventures with foreign investment are expected to contain all relevant information such as items of manufacture, size of investment, technology involved, export and employment potential depending upon the nature of the projects.

Sickness in PSUs manufacturing Railway Spares

3900. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public undertaking companies designed to manufacture Railway's spare parts which have turned sick during the recent years in West Bengal; and

(b) how many employees and workers are engaged in these manufacturing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) As on 31.3.1994, following four Central public sector undertakings designed to manufacture Railway's spare parts. having their registered office located in West Begnal, have turned sick. Their names along with the total number of employees are given Below:—

S. No.	Name of PSU	Total No. of Employees
1.	Bharat Brakes & Valves Limited	537
2.	Braithwaite & Co. Limited	4082
3.	Burn Standards Co. Limited	11911
4.	Jessop & Co Limited	6163

Sick Industries

3901. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indutrial sickness is growing in our country;

(b) the number of sick industries which have been taken by foreign companies;

(c) the total number of sick industries in the country at present; and

(d) the number of committees formed for resolving the problem and the recommendations thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. According to the latest available data, the number of sick industrial units in the small scale and non-small scale sectors as at the end of March, 1992 and March, 1993 is as under:

	Number of SSI Sick Units	Number of Non-SSI Sick Units	Total
March, 1992	245575	1536	247111
March, 1993	238176	1867	240043

Information regarding sick industries taken over by foreign companies is not centrally maintained.